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Inventors : M. TALJA et al.
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) thereby extending the time period for response up to and including August 15, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$200.00, as well as payment of any other required fees or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A surgical implant comprising: a biodegradable material, wherein said